

Black Creek Township Supervisors Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 5, 2021, at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

The Regular Meeting of the Black Creek Township Supervisors, held on Thursday, August 5, 2021 will now come to order.

Attendance: Roll Call: Davis; Yes, Rohrbach; Present. _____

Public Comment on Agenda Items: NONE

Minutes:

Chairperson Rohrbach asked if there are any additions or corrections to the July's Meeting Minutes.

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis, to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2021, as presented.

All in favor.

Financial Report read by Supervisor Davis: July 1st to July 31st, 2021

BB&T General Fund:	\$405,661.81 (incl. 1 st ARPA payment of \$108,646.64)
PLGIT Prime Savings:	82,737.43
<u>PLGIT Checking/Liquid Fuels:</u>	<u>79,564.30</u>
Total Checking/Savings:	\$567,963.54

<u>PLGIT Alumni Assoc.:</u>	<u>\$ 5,449.98</u>
Total:	\$573,413.52

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis, to approve the financial report.
All in favor.

Bills:

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis, to approve the bills as presented, and to pay any and all bills in all funds that become due before the next regular meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Davis, Yes; Supervisor Rohrbach, Yes.

Correspondence read by Supervisor Davis:

Tarah Toohil; Act 67 of 2021 allows us to now see the people who are nearest and dearest to us, in nursing homes, hospitals, and other facilities and places where we were not permitted to visit with them, during COVID-19. Loved ones will now be treated as essential care givers, for our most vulnerable citizens.

-August 7th is Purple Heart Day; please thank those who have served in the military, and have sacrificed most, in paying the ultimate price to protect this wonderful country of ours.

-There is a Bill in the House regarding election integrity. Originally vetoed by Governor Wolf in the past, he is now saying that he is in favor of it. Keep an eye out for House Bill 1300, regarding this matter.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A ***motion*** by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Davis, to promote our current part-time secretary, Fran Villano, to full-time secretary.
All in favor.

Updates by Supervisor Rohrbach:

-The Township was lucky to receive the LSA (Local Share Account) grant (\$172,000.00) for the Barnes Run Box Culvert, on Golf Course Rd., which is right near the parking lot of the Sugarloaf Golf Course.

-The Township also applied for a grant for Scotch Valley Drive, but unfortunately that grant was denied.

-The Township has been notified that it will be awarded \$189,169.00 for the Derringer St. Box Culvert, which is on the Main St. in Weston. The Township “may” be able to use part of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds towards this project, as drainage is one of ARPA’s approved uses. DEP permits and other important documents are a necessary part of this process, for all of these projects; these repairs will take place sometime next year.

A ***motion*** by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Davis to adopt a ***Resolution*** authorizing the execution of the Cooperation Agreement between Luzerne County and Black Creek Township, for \$189,169.00, for certain street improvements (Derringer St. Box Culvert).
All in favor.

A ***motion*** by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Davis, to adopt a ***Resolution*** to apply for the \$715,630.00 MTF (Multimodal Transportation Fund) grant for Golf Course Rd. (this being for Golf Course Road itself, having nothing to do with the box culvert).
All in favor.

A ***motion*** by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Davis, to adopt a ***Resolution*** to establish a program to charge mitigation rates for deployment of emergency & non-emergency services by the **Nuremberg-Weston Fire Company**, for services provided/rendered by/for Black Creek Township.
All in favor.

A ***motion*** by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Davis, to adopt a ***Resolution*** to establish a program to charge mitigation rates for deployment of emergency & non-emergency services by the **Sugarloaf Fire Company, Inc.**, for services provided/rendered by/for Black Creek Township.
All in favor.

A ***motion*** by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Davis to ***deposit*** the first installment of the ***ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds (\$108,646.64)*** received thus far, into a 6-month CD at .05%, at BB&T Bank.
Roll Call Vote: Davis, Aye; Rohrbach, Aye.

A motion by Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by Supervisor Davis, to cancel the next work session (scheduled for Wed., 8/18 @ 10 a.m.).
All in favor.

Reports:

-Zoning Report: Zoning/Codes Officer, Sonny Kelchner reviewed the zoning report

-Fire Company: Supervisor Rohrbach read Fire Chief Lescowitch’s report which encompassed May, June, and July, 2021.

-Emergency Management: Supervisor Rohrbach read Steve Motil’s emergency management report.

-Engineer Report: Supervisor Rohrbach announced the engineer's itinerary.

-Roadmaster Report: Supervisor Rohrbach read the roadmaster's report.

Public Comment from last meeting:

-Jeffrey Planutis, 915 West County Rd., stated that he owns an acre and three quarters piece of land, for which he pays \$600.00 in taxes yearly; this property is down below, on the Township Rd., on Winfield Village Rd., and it really needs to be mowed. The bridge down there also needs to be repaired. Supervisor Rohrbach stated that she would go out with the road crew and decipher where exactly the Township road begins and ends, according to the Liquid Fuels map, and that the Township will be sure to fix what belongs to the Township.

-Wayne Brugger, 217 Hazle St., Nuremberg, PA stated that he had mentioned the road by the health center needs repair, at the June, 2021 meeting, and that Billy Foose's road is all torn up, Derringer St. is full of holes, the cracks on Hazle St. in Nuremberg are terrible, and he thinks that the Township should do something about the roads before they get worse. Supervisor Rohrbach agreed, and stated that the road near the health center will be addressed, Mr. Foose's road is being reviewed by the Township's engineer, and that all of the road problems are being taken very seriously, as all of them need to be repaired; the Township must prioritize these projects carefully.

Adjournment:

A *motion* by: Supervisor Rohrbach, seconded by: Supervisor Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.
All in favor.